Walter Marnell, Lieutenant, Co. F, 5 MO Infantry C.S.

1835  Born in Ireland.

1861  December 12: Enlisted in the C.S. Army at St. Clair County, MS and mustered into Co. F, 5th MO Infantry. When Marnell enlisted in the army he was living in St. Louis, MO and was occupied as a “clerk.”

1862  November & December: Regimental Return. Present at Camp Rogers, MS.

1863  January to June: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

July 4: Captured at Vicksburg and paroled a few days later.

July to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

1864  January to August: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

August 13: Listed as an “absent officer” with remarks “secret service.”

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November 30: Killed in action at the Battle of Franklin.

"I found poor Caniff and Wat Marnell; the former lying close up to the breastworks, the dead body of his horse being near by. Marnell had fallen midway between the lines and must have been killed instantly, for the flush of excitement was still on his face, and he looked as natural as he did in life. He had received many wounds, there being eleven holes in his blanket, which I took off to put around his body. But I imagine the wound in the left breast was the first received, and the others were made by those terrible volleys that swept over the field after our lines were forced to retire to the outer works. Captain Caniff was knocked from his horse by a shot in the right shoulder, and it must have been while lying on the ground, that he was struck in the top of the head, the ball coming out under the chin."

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